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RE: ADM File No. 2010-05 – Proposed Amendment of Rules 2.112, 7.206, and 7.213 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Davis:

At its March 29, 2011 meeting, the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Michigan considered the above rule amendments published for comment. In its review, the Executive Committee considered recommendations from the Appellate Practice Section. The Executive Committee voted to oppose the proposed amendment but wishes to convey the State Bar's interest in working with interested parties to resolve issues brought forward by the Attorney General and the Appellate Practice Section.

The Executive Committee commends the long and challenging work completed by the Commission on Unfunded Mandates and extends its appreciation for their service. The State Bar has historically supported the use of special masters and recognizes other issues put forward by the Commission. Should the Court wish to pursue further deliberation on this proposal, it is the State Bar's hope that the issues the Commission seeks to address may be resolved through working jointly with the Court of Appeals, the Attorney General, and appellate practitioners.

We thank the Court for its publication of the proposed amendment. Please contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,



Janet Welch
Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
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